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**From:** MUSANTE, JASON  
**Sent:** Tue 7/12/2016 7:00:24 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Update on Fruitland Magnesium Fire Site

## Ex. 5 - Attorney Client

Unified Command coordination calls will continue as needed; the next call is scheduled for tomorrow.

Our ERRS contractor continues to demobilize equipment today: office trailers, generators, etc. Also this week one remaining Baker tank of collected wastewater from street cleaning will be emptied, the contents transported for offsite disposal, and then demobilized. An additional task for ERRS was the engineered design of an approximately 20-foot high fence/curtain to run the length of the southern facility property boundary which abuts the residential backyards. This fence is expected to be covered with geotextile to protect from any potential dust migration onto the residential properties and also provide visual relief from the eyesore that the facility in its present condition to the residents.

"Customer service" followup with residents is continuing:

- One resident had some concrete damage on a walkway from the manlift used during outdoor cleaning and ERRS is getting a subcontractor to repair this week.
- Several residents (3) reported concerns with damaged/lost items from indoor cleaning. The ERRS subcontractor Servpro is working directly with these residents to resolve any issues.

All residents on the north side of 52nd St have been approved by the PHO to return home. There are some residents from the south side of 52nd St. that DPH evacuated during the fire because the smoke was exacerbating existing respiratory issue in those persons. DPH seems to have forgotten that these folks could have been returned after the fire was extinguished, so these folks are still awaiting the DPH OK to return. See the email train in blue below:

I would politely decline and inform DPH that they should develop the messaging for their decisions. Just b/c we are asked to do something, does not mean we have to agree to it.

Dan  
Sent from my iPhone  
Daniel Meer  
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On Jul 9, 2016, at 4:54 PM, Rogow, Michelle <Rogow.Michelle@epa.gov> wrote:  
As a fun addition to the day and on par with this response, I was just informed by DPH that they are requesting for EPA to develop the messaging for why its okay for the south side to reoccupy. There was never any issue with ash or contaminants on the properties on the south side. DPH issued medical evacuations for them because of the smoke from the fire, and they have been out of their homes ever since. However, I am now being informed that we need to help them to get the residents on the south side back immediately.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Benson, Craig  
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Subject: FW: Update on Fruitland Magnesium Fire Site

Enrique - this is the summary recently sent by Michelle (before her well-deserved AL). Jason informs that everyone has been approved to return, but he is going to update the attached with a new message today for us.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Rogow, Michelle  
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On Saturday, cleaning operations of two additional units were conducted. One was sampled on Sunday. (The other was not). One of the residences was signed by UC and approved for re-occupancy by DPH on Saturday and on 4pm Sunday, DPH approved the final home on the North Side for re-occupancy. Today the CIC is operational (they were off yesterday) to work with residents on re-entry. There are still 5 residences that still have to be processed for re-entry. (The final step in the process). We are hopeful that they will be completed today, but CIC presence needs to remain until that process is complete.

The UC met this morning on outstanding items including: final press release, residential data, package and south side residents that are still under medical evacuation. Command trailers are being removed today and tomorrow. The CIC trailer has been removed and is operating out of JIC and EPA IC trailers now.

Things are winding down and we look forward to all of the residents being home soon.

Michelle Rogow  
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